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## **International Crisis & Emergency Management Conference a first for WA**

Plans are well and truly underway with the program now finalised for the **Inaugural International Crisis & Emergency Management Conference**. This new conference, to be held on **June 1 and 2** at Arena Joondalup, Perth, Western Australia will boast an impressive line up of national and international speakers.

This international event, run by IFAP, a not-for-profit organisation offering leading safety solutions to industry, incorporates a two-day conference and exhibition with ground breaking presentations on new and emerging issues in prevention, preparedness, response and recovery by national and international experts. Many of the presentations feature first hand accounts of major global emergencies and disasters, including the Bali bombings, Hurricane Katrina and the Asian Tsunamis to name a few.

Delegates will hear personal experiences and lessons learned from these events enabling them to ensure their own crisis and emergency management plans are up to date and they are able to deal with as many of the potential issues they may be exposed to as efficiently as possible.

IFAP's Manager – Centre for Crisis & Emergency Management, Andrew Stanbury, a driving force behind this initiative, said, "This is a high level event with speakers from across the globe and throughout Australia coming to share ideas and lessons learned.

The underlying theme of this conference is government and industry working together in major crisis."

Police Commissioner, Australian Federal Police, Mick Keelty, will feature as a keynote speaker and will deliver a presentation on **Policing and National Security**.

Other presentations include:

### **Buncefield Oil Depot Fire – Impact on Community & Business**

Julie Houghton – Emergency Planning Manager  
Hertfordshire County Council, London

### **Tsunami One Year On, Recovery Strategies**

Steve Joske – Director General  
Red Cross



## **Australian Pandemic, Australia's Preparedness**

Dr Andrew Robertson – Department of Health, Divisional Director, Health Protection Group

## **Bali Bombings - An Eye Witness Account**

Mark Readings – Journalist

Channel Nine Network

A trade exhibition will be held in conjunction with the conference and will provide delegates and other guests with direct access to a wide range of crisis and emergency products and services. Exhibitors have the opportunity to liaise directly with top decision makers for the duration of the conference with exposure to new clients.

IFAP will run the **Emergency Response Games** directly following the conference on **Saturday 3 June** where teams will compete in a series of realistic emergency response scenarios to test their skills against others.



For a full program, registration form and more information on the **2006 International Crisis & Emergency Management Conference**, email [rjohnston@ifap.asn.au](mailto:rjohnston@ifap.asn.au), phone 08 9431 6276 or visit [www.ifap.asn.au](http://www.ifap.asn.au)

## **Background**

IFAP has been providing leading occupational safety and health training and consulting solutions to industry since 1962 and now trains over 12,000 people each year across Australia and internationally. A not-for-profit, non-government, member-based organisation, IFAP's impressive list of corporate members are representative of all industry sectors.

IFAP is a Registered Training Organisation and is highly regarded by industry for its safety knowledge and expertise across all industry sectors and extensive range of safety training and consulting services. Many Nationally Accredited Training courses are offered in the areas of:

- Crisis and emergency management
- Occupational safety and health
- Construction and equipment skills
- Sea survival and emergency response
- Fire safety and emergency response

For more information visit IFAP's website [www.ifap.asn.au](http://www.ifap.asn.au)

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